

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

Claim 12 has been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended so as to delete the objected to word "preferably".

The specification has been amended so as to incorporate the examiner's suggestions as set forth on Pages 2 and 3 of the office action dated February 14, 2006.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that instant application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

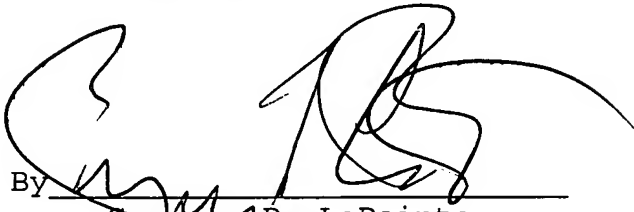
An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

. If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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